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TAGS: ETRD, SW

SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF TUDOR BY ESB

1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY THURSTON LOWBEER, ANTITRUST OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, TO JOEL DAVIDOW, CHIEF, FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION, ANTITRUST SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. TUDOR/ESB ACQUISITION IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE ANTITRUST DIVISION FIELD OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA.

3. THERE IS NO RPT NO COMPETITIVE OVERLAP BETWEEN TUDOR/ESB SALES BUT MERGER IS COMPLICATED BY 1948 ANTITRUST JUDGEMENT WHICH PROHIBITS ESB FROM USING TUDOR BRAND NAME IN U.S. BOTH PARTIES HAVE RETAINED A LAWYER WHO IS WORKING TO RE-SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

4. ANTITRUST DIVISION BELIEVES THAT ESB HAS MADE OTHER
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ACQUISITIONS IN EUROPE BUT HAS NO RPT NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THEM AT THIS TIME.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT ABOVE INFORMATION TO MR. LOWBEER.
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